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THE STORY SO FAR:

The year is 2029.

As riots begin to ignite across the continent, Titus King further fans the flames of hosility by taking his hatespeech into the heart of the Glasshutte. Meanwhile, Jensen undertakes a covert operation to discover the demigogue's connection to the terrorist cell and the real reason behind his anti-aug affront.

These events occur prior to the game *Deus Ex: Mankind Divided.*

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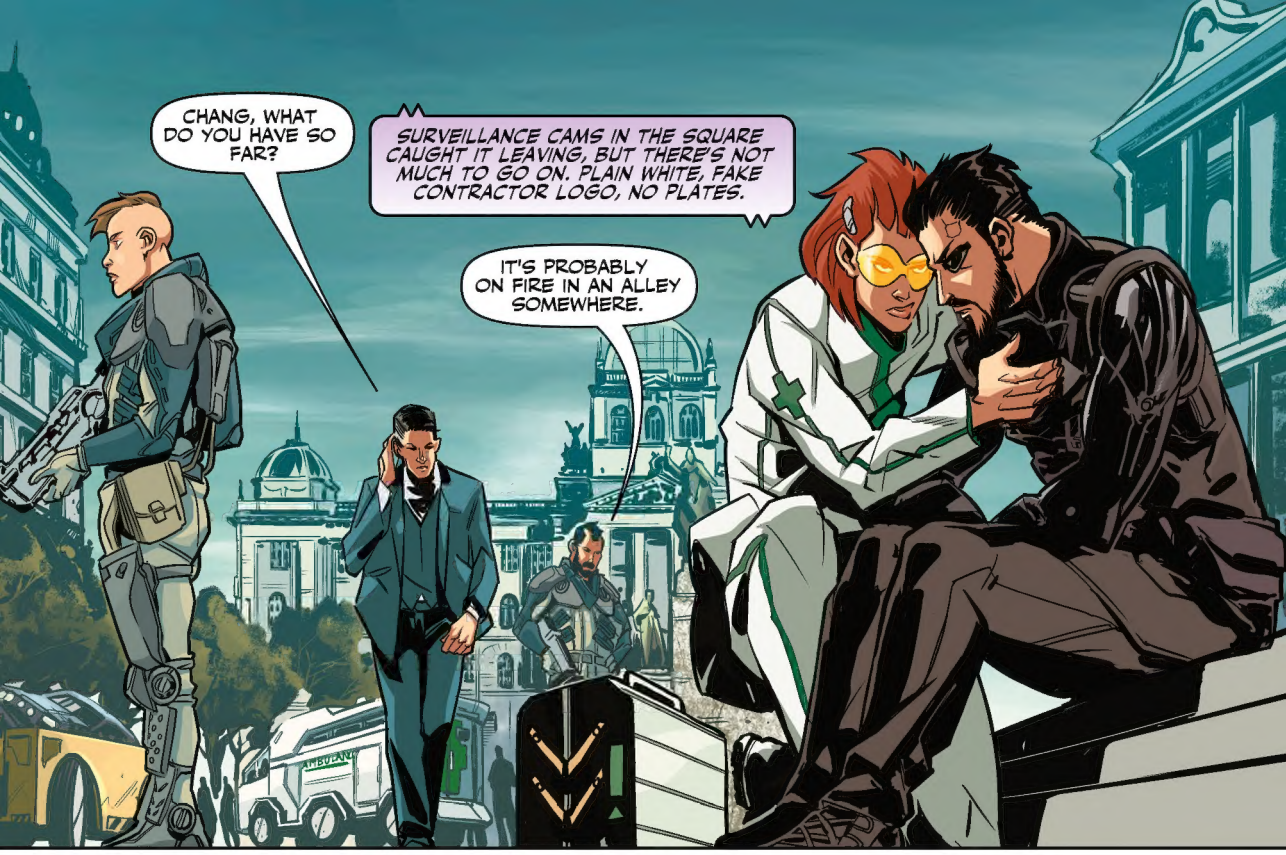

CHANG, WHAT DO YOU HAVE SO FAR?
SURVEILLANCE CAMS IN THE SQUARE CAUGHT IT LEAVING, BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH TO GO ON. PLAIN WHITE, FAKE CONTRACTOR LOGO, NO PLATES.
IT'S PROBABLY ON FIRE IN AN ALLEY SOMEWHERE.

YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH. THANKS.
GOOD. 'CAUSE I GOT A FEELING THE SHIT IS ON ITS WAY TO THE FAN.

WALK ME THROUGH IT.
I WAS DRIVING, THE BOMB WENT OFF, BY THE TIME I GOT UP EMILIA WAS GONE. THAT'S ABOUT IT.

THE BOMB WAS JUST BIG ENOUGH TO WRECK THE CAR'S STEERING AND GET ME OUT OF THE WAY. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO KILL US.

AGREED. IF THEY WANTED YOU DEAD, YOU'D BE DEAD.
SO THE QUESTION IS WHY DID THEY WANT YOU ALIVE?

THEY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME. I WASN'T PART OF THE MISSION. THEY WANTED EMILIA BACK.
BUT I HAVE A QUESTION TOO:
HOW DID THEY GET A BOMB INTO ONE OF OUR CARS?

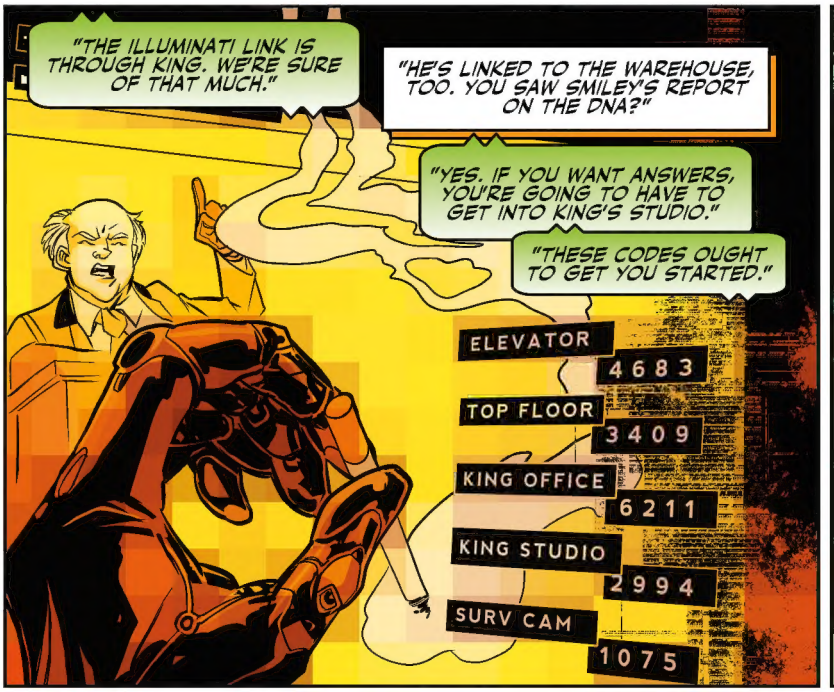
IT WASN'T ONE OF OURS. IT WAS A LOANER FROM THE MAIN INTERPOL POOL. THEY'RE RUNNING THAT DOWN.
THEY BETTER RUN FAST. THE AUGS ARE COMING AFTER US NOW. THAT MAKES IT A DIFFERENT KIND OF GAME.
THAT MEANS WE NEED TO GO AFTER THEM.
DO WE HAVE LEADS ON WHERE THE VAN WENT? CHANG?
I'M COMBING FEEDS NOW.
WE'LL HAVE LEADS. BUT YOU'RE NOT FOLLOWING THEM.
GO HOME, JENSEN. GET SOME SLEEP, HEAL UP. WE'RE GOING TO NEED YOU.

LIGHTS.
THOSE THINGS WILL KILL YOU.
A LOT OF OTHER THINGS WILL PROBABLY KILL ME FIRST.
FUNNY, THAT'S WHY I CALLED.
INCOMING CALL FROM ALEX VEGA
YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN TF29 HELPED THE TERRORISTS BLOW YOUR CAR AND KIDNAP THE GIRL, RIGHT?

HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHO? MACREADY'S THE ONLY ONE I'VE ELIMINATED FOR SURE.
FINDING OUT IS YOUR JOB. BUT FOR THE RECORD, I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT MACREADY.

THE BOMB WAS IN THE FRONT. MILLER AND BEAUFORT BOTH TOLD ME TO PUT HER IN THE BACK SEAT.
WOULDN'T YOU DO THAT ANYWAY? SHE'S A KID. THERE ARE LAWS.
RIGHT.

THEY SET YOU UP.
MAYBE. OR MAYBE SOMEONE SET THEM UP.


"THE ILLUMINATI LINK IS THROUGH KING. WE'RE SURE OF THAT MUCH."
"HE'S LINKED TO THE WAREHOUSE, TOO. YOU SAW SMILEY'S REPORT ON THE DNA?"
"YES. IF YOU WANT ANSWERS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET INTO KING'S STUDIO."
"THESE CODES OUGHT TO GET YOU STARTED."
ELEVATOR 4683
TOP FLOOR 3409
KING OFFICE 6211
KING STUDIO 2994
SURV CAM 1075

"IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD GET MOVING WHILE KING IS STILL ON LOCATION IN DRESDEN."
COMMUNICATION ENDED

THEY STARTED THIS. TOO MANY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE DIED TO SEE IT THROUGH. NOW WE'RE GOING TO FINISH IT.
ANYONE WHO WANTS OUT...?
WRONG ANSWER.
DON'T YOU SEE? THEY'LL NEVER ACCEPT US THE WAY WE ARE.
AFTER EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE TO YOU...TO US... YOUR PARENTS, KING, THE WHOLE DAMN GOVERNMENT...
...NOW IT'S TIME TO STRIKE BACK.

WE ARE ON LOCATION IN DRESDEN, GROUND ZERO OF THE LATEST HANZER PLOT AGAINST OUR CIVILIZATION.
THE GHETTOES ARE BURNIN
IN THE PAST TWO DAYS WE HAVE SEEN AUGMENTED TERRORISTS USE CHILDREN AS SUICIDE BOMBERS AND THEN BRAZENLY KIDNAP ONE OF THE SURVIVORS BACK FROM THE CUSTODY OF INTERPOL'S TASK FORCE 29.
WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT DITHERS, THE AUGS ARE COMING AFTER US. WE ARE IN A WAR, MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.
ES ARE BURNING -- LAST STAND?
I'M HERE WITH ONE OF THE LEADING PRO-HUMAN VOICES IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, PAVEL MIKULSKI.
PAVEL. IS THIS A WAR?
IT'S STARTING TO SEEM THAT WAY, ISN'T IT?
IT SURE IS. WHAT'S THE GOVERNMENT GOING TO DO? WHAT CAN ORDINARY CITIZENS DO? WE NEED TO RISE UP.
WE CERTAINLY DO. I HAVE A PLAN...
I WISH I COULD DISAGREE WITH YOU, TITUS.
THESE ARE SAVAGES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. MAYBE THEY USED TO BE HUMAN, I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY SURE AS HELL AREN'T NOW.
PMRP
PMRP
PMRP

THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE. AN INJUNCTION WOULD TAKE FOREVER AND KING ISN'T LISTENING TO OUR ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE HIM TO MOVE HIS SHOW.
OF COURSE HE'S NOT. HIS RATINGS ARE THROUGH THE ROOF.
SO THE RIOTS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE.
WHAT'S OUR PRIORITY?
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN, MAC.
WE ARE ON STANDBY. THE MINUTE WE SEE ANY OF THE AUGS FROM THE WAREHOUSE, WE ARE GO TO ENGAGE.
JENSEN SAW THEM IN DRESDEN. WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?
MIGHT BE SOME OF THOSE KIDS IN PRAGUE NOW, AND THAT'S OUR PRIORITY.
I MEAN WHAT ARE THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, SIR? I DON'T WANT TO KILL ANY KIDS, BUT IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WALKING BOMBS...
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.
AND WHERE'S JENSEN? STILL LAID UP?
IF AND WHEN WE DEPLOY, WE'LL MAKE A DETERMINATION ABOUT JENSEN'S MISSION FITNESS THEN.
BE READY TO GO WITH OR WITHOUT HIM. STANDARD ANTI-TERRORISM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES.

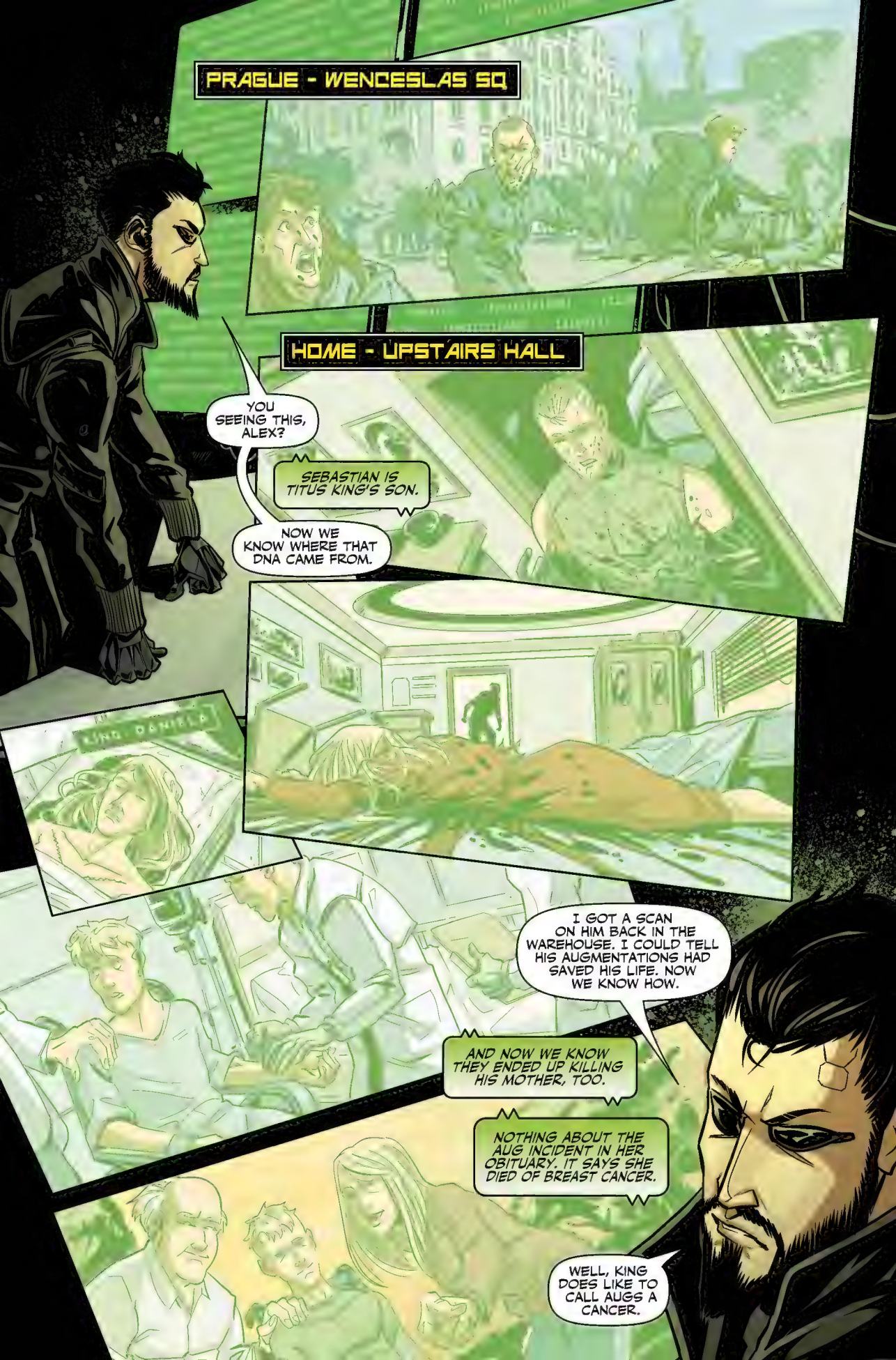
"THE BEST WAY TO WIN A WAR IS TO KNOW IT'S A WAR BEFORE THE ENEMY HAS FIGURED THAT OUT."
"FOR HUMAN BEINGS, THAT MOMENT HAS ALREADY PASSED. THE AUGMENTED KNOW IT'S WAR. THEY'VE FIRED THE FIRST SHOTS."
"HOW WILL WE ANSWER, PEOPLE?"
"DO WE TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH BEASTS WHO USE CHILDREN TO KILL?"
"DO WE STAND BY WHILE HANZERS STRIKE AT THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF WHAT MAKES US HUMAN--OUR CHILDREN?"
AUGS
OR DO WE STRIKE BACK?
WE STRIKE BACK!
ARE WE SLAVES OR ARE WE HUMAN?
WE ARE HUMAN!
"WE MUST FIGHT FOR OURSELVES IF NO ONE WILL FIGHT FOR US."
PMRP
PMRP
"WE MUST PROTECT OUR OWN."

"IF THE GHETTOES WANT TO BURN, THAT'S FINE. BURN THEM."
TITUS KING IS TIED INTO THE ILLUMINATI SOMEHOW...AND ALSO TO SEBASTIAN'S TERRORIST GROUP.
THE QUESTION IS HOW. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL DIE IF I DON'T FIND THE ANSWER.
ALEX. YOU KILLED THE CAMERAS, RIGHT?
TITUS
KING

DOWN HERE, YES. INSIDE, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT.
KING HAS NEVER LIKED AUGS, BUT HE STARTED IN ON THE SERIOUS HATEMONGERING PRETTY RECENTLY. OUR WORKING THEORY IS THAT SOMEONE'S PAYING HIM TO DO IT.
Welcome, Mr. King.
4.6.8.3.
WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW IS WHERE THAT MONEY'S COMING FROM. OUR GUESS IS THE ILLUMINATI, BUT WE NEED A NAME.
LOOP SIXTY SECONDS, TWENTY-TWO OH NINE TO TWENTY-TWO TEN. UNDO AT NEXT ENTRY OF COMMAND CODE.

STAY CLOSE TO THE WALL. DON'T LET THE DRONES GET A GOOD LOOK.
EVERYONE IN. JULIAN, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
"ALL RIGHT."
NOW, BEFORE WE GET EVERYTHING STARTED...
WHO WANTS A PRESENT?

KING HAS A PRIVATE SERVER HERE. I CAN FIND IT FOR YOU, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET IN YOURSELF.
THERE IT IS. YOUR TURN.
THE THING ABOUT ARROGANT PEOPLE IS THEY TEND TO HAVE LOUSY SECURITY BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY'RE SMARTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
STUDY NOTES
CORRESPONDENCE
SOURCES
SEBASTIAN
SEBASTIAN? CAN THAT BE--?
IT IS HIM. THE SAME GUY BEHIND THE KIDNAPPINGS...
BUT WHAT'S THE LINK HERE? SOMETHING DOESN'T ADD UP.
NOW IT DOES.


PRAGUE - WENCESLAS SQ
HOME - UPSTAIRS HALL
YOU SEEING THIS, ALEX?
SEBASTIAN IS TITUS KING'S SON.
NOW WE KNOW WHERE THAT DNA CAME FROM.
KING DANIELS
I GOT A SCAN ON HIM BACK IN THE WAREHOUSE. I COULD TELL HIS AUGMENTATIONS HAD SAVED HIS LIFE. NOW WE KNOW HOW.
AND NOW WE KNOW THEY ENDED UP KILLING HIS MOTHER, TOO.
NOTHING ABOUT THE AUG INCIDENT IN HER OBITUARY. IT SAYS SHE DIED OF BREAST CANCER.
WELL, KING DOES LIKE TO CALL AUGS A CANCER.

KING HAS A SON. SON GETS SICK. KING --OR HIS WIFE, DANIELLA-- GETS THE KID THE ONLY HELP THAT'S GOING TO KEEP HIM ALIVE.
THEN THE AUG INCIDENT HAPPENS, AND THE KID KILLS DANIELLA.
GIVING KING A MOTIVE FOR HIS HATE CAMPAIGN.
BUT HIS SON? SEEMS LIKE HE'D BE ANGRIER AT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE AUG INCIDENT RATHER THAN VICTIMS OF IT.
IF SEBASTIAN KILLED KING'S WIFE...YOU DON'T NEED THE ILLUMNIATI TO EXPLAIN THAT KIND OF HATE.
DOWNLOADING DIRECTORY 'SEBASTIAN'...
THE CONNECTION IS THERE. WE'RE CERTAIN OF IT. IF THE INFORMATION ISN'T IN THE FILES YOU'RE DUMPING, AT LEAST YOU OUGHT TO FIND A CLUE THERE.
68...70...72%...

KABOOOOMM
POLICIE
POLICIE
"WHAT THE HELL--!"
SHOOT THOSE HANZERS! THEY WANT A WAR, THIS IS THE WAR! SHOOT THEM!

AAAAHH!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
KRAK
GO AFTER THEM!
POLICIE
"JENSEN. MILLER HERE. WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?"

HOME. I JUST SAW WHAT HAPPENED AT THE GLASSHÜTTE.
95...96...
WE ARE GOING TO BE IN DRESDEN AND ON-SCENE IN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES. IT BETTER NOT TAKE YOU MUCH LONGER.
99...100
DOWNLOAD COMPLETE
SCRUBBING LOGS
UNDERSTOOD.
GO UP. TAKE THE STAIRS.
"YOU CAN RIDE WITH AN INTERPOL TEAM. THEY'RE LEAVING IN TEN MINUTES."
NOT NECESSARY. I'M ON MY WAY.

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED A RIDE IF THINGS WENT SOUTH.
BUT WE NEVER MET.
GOT IT.
"BOSS, CHANG HERE. YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO SEE THIS."
"SHOW ME."
"JESUS."
JENSEN. SENT YOU AN IMAGE. TAKE A LOOK.
"SEBASTIAN AND HIS CHILD SOLDIERS. I SEE IT."
NO, YOU NEED TO LOOK CLOSER.

"SEE IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE YOU RECOGNIZE."
"YOU SEE IT NOW?"
YES, SIR.
SEBASTIAN KILLED HER MOTHER. AND SHE'S STILL ON HIS SIDE.
OR...
I SEE HER.
...WAS IT SEBASTIAN AT ALL?
"MAYBE THE HEARTS-AND-MINDS STRATEGY ISN'T WORKING SO WELL AFTER ALL."
TO BE CONTINUED...

DANIEL "SMILEY" FLETCHER

AGE: 35

WEIGHT: 175lbs

HEIGHT: 5'10"

EYE COLOR: Brown

HAIR COLOR: Brown

BLOOD TYPE: O+

Daniel Fletcher, known to all as Smiley, is Task Force 29's senior Crime Scene Investigation Technician in Eastern Europe. His extensive scientific and forensic background and brilliant mind have earned him an impressive reputation, along with his constant chain of female companions.

Passionate about only two things - science and women - Smiley strives to be at the forefront of his field. Well-liked by his colleagues, his friendly demeanor comes as a breath of fresh air to the many troubled members of TF29.

PETER CHANG

AGE: 28

WEIGHT: 165lbs

HEIGHT: 5'10"

EYE COLOR: Brown

HAIR COLOR: Black

BLOOD TYPE: A+

Peter Chang is a talented hacker and a member of the Cybercrimes division at Task Force 29. Prior to joining the team, Chang made a name for himself as a 'digital Robin Hood', using his hacking skills to secretly steal fortunes from various megacorporations and redistributing the wealth to those in need.

Accepting a position at TF29 rather than face jail, Chang now applies his skills towards hunting cybercriminals and terrorist hackers, which allows him to continue accessing the technology he loves.

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AUGS FOR
EQUALITY!
WE ARE ALL
HUMANS

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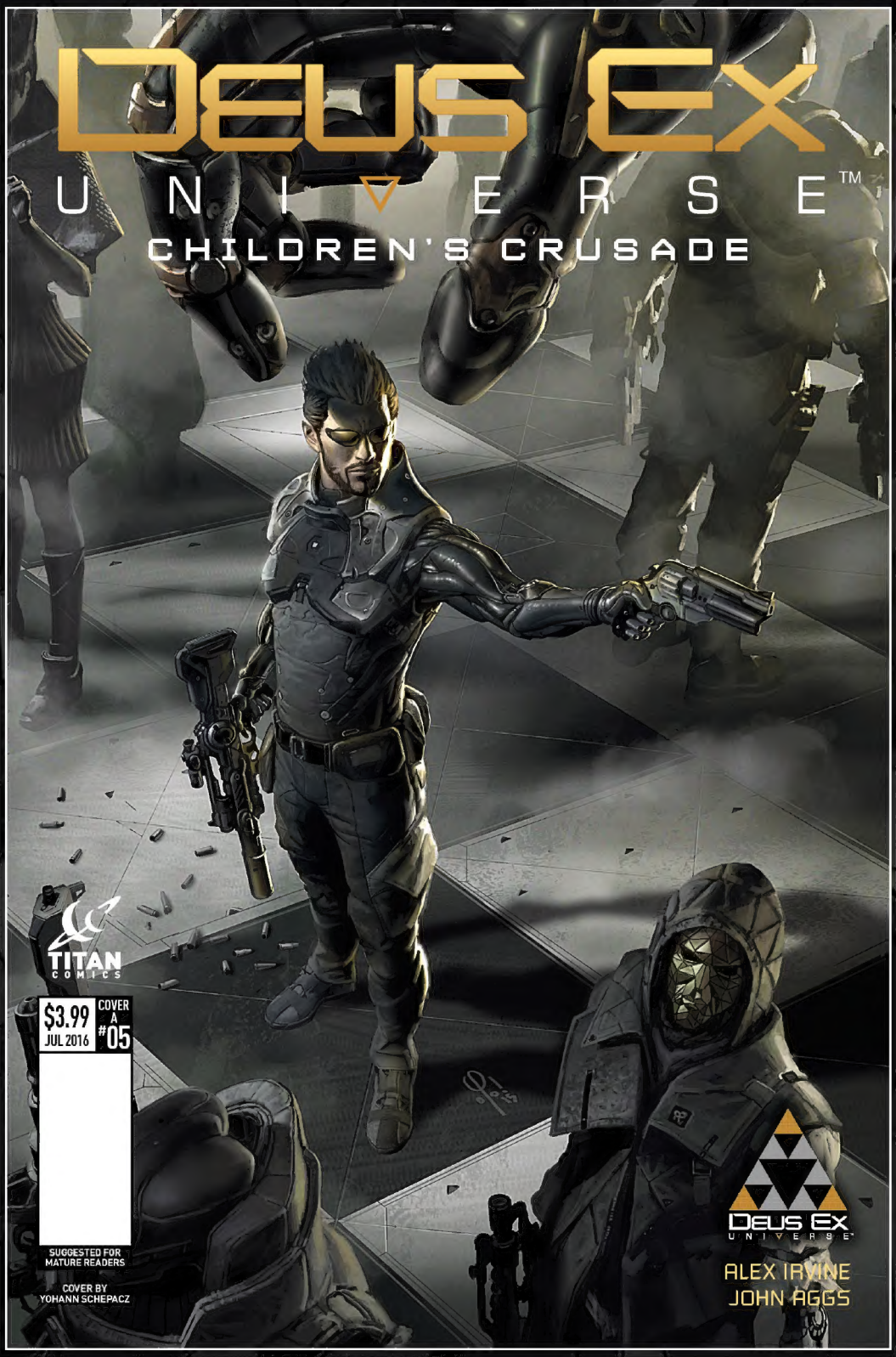

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